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Letter dated 29 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 27-29 September 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a Security Council document.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 29 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (27 September 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 15 incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: 8 in Damascus, 3 in Homs, 2 in Ladhiqiyah and 2 in Suwayda'.

The Turkish representative office has reported 14 violations in the following governorates: 9 in Idlib, 3 in Damascus, 1 in Aleppo and 1 in Hama.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out five humanitarian operations: a total of 2 tons of food products have been delivered to the local population in Umm al-Sarj al-Qibli, Homs governorate; a total of 4.8 tons of food products have been delivered to the local population in Ayshah, Dayr Jamal and Kafr Naya, Aleppo governorate; and a total of 7.1 tons of food products have been delivered to the local population in Suwayda', Suwayda' governorate.

In total, 1,630 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,196.1 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 180 residents.

Altogether, medical assistance has been provided to 57,791 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,235.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (28 September 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 11 incidents of gunfire: 6 in Homs governorate and 5 in Damascus governorate.

The Turkish representative office has reported four violations in the following governorates: two in Idlib, one in Damascus and one in Homs.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, two international humanitarian operations have been carried out: a total of 126 tons of food, medicine and household goods have been delivered to the local population in Tayyibah, Dar'a governorate; and a total of 192 tons of medicine and household goods have been delivered to the local population in Dayr al-Zawr.

No medical assistance has been provided over the past 24 hours.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,237.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (29 September 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported 11 incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: 4 in Homs, 3 in Aleppo, 2 in Damascus, 1 in Dar'a and 1 in Hama.

The Turkish representative office has reported six violations in the following governorates: three in Idlib, two in Damascus and one in Ladhiqiyah.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, three humanitarian operations have been carried out: a total of 2 tons of food parcels have been delivered to the local population in Tall Shinan, Homs governorate; a total of 1.9 tons of food parcels have been delivered to the local population in Humaymah Kabir, Aleppo governorate; and a total of 4.2 tons of food parcels have been delivered to the local population in Khan al-Shaykh, Damascus governorate.

In total, 1,633 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,204.2 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 100 residents.

Altogether, medical assistance has been provided to 57,891 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, two ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with Qubaybat Abu al-Huda and Zighrin in Hama governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,239.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime have continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.